

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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**To Live, Love and Act
Like Jesus**

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am to 3:00pm

Friday: 8:30am to 2:00pm

Closed daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

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**12 & 13 September 2020
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Sunday Masses:

From Saturday, 19 September 2020:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday: 9:15am

Thursday: 9:15am

Friday: 9:15am

Confessions:

By appointment only.

Please call the Parish Office on phone:
9632.2672



Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office by telephone to arrange a Baptism. Baptisms are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11:15am, or during any Sunday Mass, to be negotiated with the Parish Priest. Baptism preparation will be explained when you contact the Parish Office. **Booklets need to be obtained from the Parish Office prior to the preparation.**

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God we thank you for being with us always. Open our hearts to hear your voice.

Help us, Lord, to make this Parish a place of mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, respected, forgiven and encouraged.

In your love and wisdom, help and guide all of us to be good ambassadors for Christ, both in service to others and in proclaiming the Gospel.

Send your Holy Spirit among us Lord so that we may be filled with your grace and peace as we go about our lives in this world.

We pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Noeleen Remaili, Sebastian Lobo, Catherine Leone Kelly, Fred Butterfield, Mikaele Fiakaifonu, Pasilia Kalisito Toafatavao

Anniversaries:

Wadih (Wally) Younan, Francois Leah Keletaona, Michael Abiwahab, Aronne Borg, Concettina Di Cecco, Michael Remaili, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Michael Danaher

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Kathleen Fatu, Alice Toiava, Edgar Montclar, Norman Cordeiro, Cordeiro, Frois, Santa Maria, Gomes, Rodrigues & Dibiamaka Families, Michael Mawad, Jreige Jlailaty, Nayef El-Khoury, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Sosefo, Soana & Tui Families, Likaletto Simete & Family, Sononefa, Falakiko & Keletaona Families, Meliana, Maliamele & Lavasele Families, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



1ST READING: SIRACH 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4, 9-12

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**The Lord is
kind and
merciful;
slow to anger
and rich in
compassion.**

***How do I show
mercy to others?***

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT MASSES AT ST. PATRICK'S, GUILDFORD

The following provisions apply to gatherings in our parish church:

- 70 persons are permitted for Mass or other liturgical services

However, the COVID-19 health conditions still apply:

- Persons entering the church must use the hand sanitizer provided
- Persons entering the church must record their names and other contact details
- Persons must keep the "4 square metre" rule.

WEEKEND MASSES

From Saturday, 19 September, the below Masses will be celebrated in the church.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:00am

If you wish to attend any of these Masses, you **MUST** book in through the Parish Office (Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-3:00pm; 8:30am-2:00pm on Fridays) on 9632.2672 or email admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au.

WEEKDAY MASSES

The weekday Mass timetable is: Wednesday 9:15am, Thursday 9:15am and Friday 9:15am.

There will be no Masses on Tuesday at 7:00pm or Saturday at 9:00am until further notice.

Sacrament of Penance

Due to physical distancing provisions, it is not possible to celebrate the Sacrament in the Confessional Room. Please telephone the Parish Office (9632.2672) for an appointment with the Parish Priest who will meet with you within a reasonable time.

Pre-Recorded Sunday Mass

Will be available on the parish website after midday Saturday as usual.

PARISH NOTICES

PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION — 13 SEPTEMBER: Due to the global pandemic, Pope Francis moved the annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land from Good Friday to Sunday, 13 September. This collection helps to provide welfare assistance to local Christians in the Holy Land in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on 13 September and please also keep them in your prayers.

THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES — CHANGE OF MASS SCHEDULE: When we came out of lockdown towards the end of May this year, we decided to increase the Mass schedule by two extra Masses. The reason was dictated by having a maximum of only 70 persons in the church. Having two extra Masses gave as many parishioners as possible the opportunity to attend Mass. The 4:45pm Vigil proved quite popular while the 11:15am on Sunday was attended by around 10 or fewer. The trend over the past few months has seen the 6:00pm Vigil fall in attendance. **So, from Saturday, 19 September these two Vigil Masses will become the one Mass at 5:30pm.** Given the current attendance, it is unlikely this Mass will exceed 70 people. If, in the future, the numbers increase dramatically, we may consider reinstating the extra Mass. ~ Fr. Peter Blayney

GIFTS IN WILLS PARISH CAMPAIGN — WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY? During Include A Charity Week (7–13 September), we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in our Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will visit: www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY – 13 SEPTEMBER: This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. **Find out more at:** www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding.

ST. PATRICK'S SENIORS CLUB: The President Shirley called a Committee Meeting and due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) it was decided to re-open the Club on Monday, 1 February 2021. Hoping everyone is well. See you in the new Year. Any enquiries please call Shirley on 9721.1875.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE — SEPTEMBER EDITION — NOW AVAILABLE: Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER: The Altar Society Roster for October 2020 to March 2021 is now available for collection from the Sacristy.

MASS INTENTIONS: To prevent confusion and assumptions, could parishioners clearly identify if a Mass intention, for publication in the Bulletin, is either **Recently Deceased, Anniversary or Deceased.** Printed envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you.

CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB: Join Today—www.cbcns.org.au—telephone 0478 919 427. Bushwalking/Abseiling/Canyoning/Camping/Rock Climbing/Indoor Climbing/Rogaining/Cross-Country Skiing/Bike Riding/Social Functions/Walks Every Weekend.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

POSITION VACANT:

Sacramental Co-Ordinator – Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes.

Applications close Wednesday, 16 September.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA COVID-19 UPDATE:

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. We also highly recommend wearing masks to Mass and other services. **For more information, please visit the Diocesan website:** www.parracatholic.org/covid19.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA CELEBRATES THE SEASON OF CREATION:

The Diocese of Parramatta is celebrating the Season of Creation (1 September–4 October) by creating a video to be released on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We invite all parishioners to be involved. Send your photograph, video, art or poetry of your favourite nature spot in the Diocese to comms@parracatholic.org by 25 September. **Details can be found at:** <https://www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice/>.

BLESSING OF THE BELLS OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL:

The 167-year dream of a peal of bells in St. Patrick's Cathedral has been realised. On 8 September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv blessed the bells in a pontifical ritual from the 16th Century. You are invited to re-watch the momentous occasion via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal.

CLERGY SUPPORT FOUNDATION FATHER'S DAY APPEAL UPDATE:

Due to the pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation will not be holding its annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests, also known as the Father's Day Appeal, this September. However, donations will always be accepted via their BPOINT portal at www.parracatholic.org/csf. If you wish to donate by other methods, please contact csf@parracatholic.org for more information.